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TITLE: JOINED BODIES, HIGH-PRESSURE DISCHARGE LAMPS AND A
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

1. Type of Application

This is a request for filing a **CONTINUATION APPLICATION** under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 09/326,720 Prior Art Unit: 2875
Filed: June 7, 1999 Prior Examiner: Peter J. Macchiarolo
Title: JOINED BODIES, HIGH-PRESSURE DISCHARGE LAMPS AND A METHOD FOR
MANUFACTURING THE SAME
Inventors: Norikazu Niimi

2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) are:

23 Page(s) of Specification
5 Page(s) of Claims
1 Page(s) of Abstract
15 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1a-17); 2 sheets of black and white
photographs (Figs. 2-5)

B. Other Papers Enclosed

☒ A Patent Application Bibliographic Data Sheet
☒ A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the prior application
☒ Information Disclosure Statement
☒ Form PTO-1449

3. The correspondence address for this application is: Customer No. 025191

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4. Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

- ☐ Applicants hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.
- ☐ Applicants hereby request that the attached application **not be** published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

5. Relate Back

A. 35 U.S.C. 119(e)

- ☐ Priority of provisional application Serial No. filed , is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

B. 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 and 365(c)

- ☒ Priority of said prior application(s) is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Relationship</u>
09/326,720	June 7, 1999	Parent

C. 35 U.S.C. 119 Priority Claim for Prior Application

- ☒ Priority of foreign application(s) is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 as follows:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	10-254,650	August 26, 1998

- ☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application was filed in prior application Serial No. 09/326,720 on September 8, 1999.
- ☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.

6. Assignment

The prior application is assigned of record to NGK Insulators, Ltd. at Reel 010234, Frame(s) 0447 (recorded January 5, 2000).

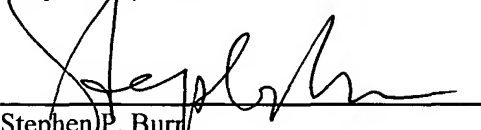
7. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Filing fee (37 CFR §1.16(a))				\$ 750.00
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total Claims	17 - 20 =	0	× \$ 18.00	\$.00
Independent Claims	3 - 3 =	0	× \$ 84.00	\$.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$280.00	\$.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 750.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$.00
TOTAL FEES DUE =				\$ 750.00

8. Payment of Fees and Authorization to Charge Additional Fees or Credit Overpayment

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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